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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-45 (Canceled).

46.   (Currently amended) A hand-held portable electronic display device for viewing protected information, comprising:

[[a]] an electronic display for viewing said protected information;

a memory electrically coupled with said display for storing said protected information in an encrypted format and for storing a first decryption code associated with said protected information;

a removable cover physically attached with said display;

a tag affixed with said cover including a second decryption code;

circuitry coupled with said display and with said memory capable of reading said first decryption code from said memory and said second decryption code from said tag if said cover is physically attached with said display,

comparing said first decryption code and said second decryption code,

decrypting said protected information stored in said memory, and displaying decrypted protected information in an unencrypted format on said display if said cover is physically attached with said display and if said first decryption code is compatible with said second decryption code.

47.   (Previously presented) A hand-held portable electronic display device as claimed in claim 46, further comprising circuitry coupled with said display and with said memory capable of encrypting said protected information stored in said memory and clearing said protected information from said display if said cover is removed from said display.

48.   (Previously presented) A hand-held portable electronic display device as claimed in claim 46, further comprising a receiver for wirelessly receiving into said memory said protected information in an encrypted format and said first decryption code.

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49.   (Previously presented) A hand-held portable electronic display device as claimed in claim 46, wherein said second decryption code is read from said tag using a wireless connection.

50.   (Previously presented) A method for viewing protected information in a hand-held portable electronic display device comprising:

reading a first decryption code from a memory included in said hand-held portable electronic display device;

reading a second decryption code from a tag affixed with a removable cover if said removable cover is attached with said hand-held portable electronic display device;

comparing said first decryption code with said second decryption code; and

decrypting said protected information stored in said memory and displaying said protected information in an unencrypted format on said hand-held portable electronic display device if said first decryption code is compatible with said second decryption code.

51.   (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 50, further comprising step of encrypting said protected information stored in said memory and clearing said protected information from said device if said cover is removed from said device.

52.   (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 50, further comprising the step of wirelessly receiving into said memory said protected information in an encrypted format and said first decryption code.